



January 18, 2002

Ms. Renata Hesse
Antitrust Division
Department of Justice
601 D Street, NW, Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Ms. Hesse:

This letter regards my support of the settlement of the Microsoft lawsuit.

The Department of Justice and Microsoft have reached a fair settlement to the antitrust lawsuit, which has been going on for more than 3 years costing over 35 million in tax dollars. It is time to move on!

The settlement is fair and I urge you to accept the consent decree. While the settlement is not entirely satisfying to all, it strikes a difficult compromise providing something for everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Rimes".

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